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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON INDONESIA

1. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY HELD A BRIEF HEARING ON INDONESIA APRIL 7. THE WITNESSES INCLUDED CONGRESSMAN JEFFORDS OF VERMONT, FORMER AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH, AND PROFESSORS GUY PAUKER AND DON EMERSON.

2. CONGRESSMAN JEFFORDS MAIN PURPOSE IN TESTIFYING WAS TO ANNOUNCE THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THE 1968 CIA STUDY OF THE 1965 COUP ATTEMPT AND COMMEND IT TO THE AUDIENCE. HE ALSO MADE A GENERAL PROPOSAL FOR UNSPECIFIED CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION IN SUCH CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS AS THE IGGI OR ANY FUTURE US-INDONESIAN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

3. GALBRAITH AND PAUKER PRESENTED BRIEF, WELL-REASONED STATEMENTS, THE FORMER FOCUSING ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND INDONESIA'S DOMESTIC SITUATION WHILE PAUKER ADDRESSED

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INDONESIA'S REGIONAL ROLE. PAUKER'S PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS

WERE THAT INDONESIA, BECAUSE OF INTERNAL WEAKNESSES AND THE BACKWARD STATE OF ITS ECONOMY, WAS UNLIKELY TO PLAY A MAJOR REGIONAL SECURITY ROLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE BUT THAT VIETNAM, WITH ITS WELL TRAINED AND EQUIPPED MILITARY

FORCES, COULD IF IT SO CHOSE BECOME IN THE FUTURE THE "PRUSSIA OF SOUTHEAST ASIA".

4. EMERSON'S STATEMENT PRETTY WELL COVERED THE WATERFRONT, TOUCHING ON SOCIAL, POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC, DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES IN A REASONABLY BALANCED MANNER, ALTHOUGH WITH CRITICISM IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CORRUPTION, ETC., AND A FREELY CONCEDED BIAS AGAINST MILITARY AID. HE SPECIFICALLY WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT "CUTTING MILITARY AID ... WILL NOT FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS." IN GENERAL HIS STATEMENT WAS AN ARGUMENT FOR CONTINUING U.S. "COOPERATION" WITH INDONESIA WHILE AVOIDING AN UNREALISTIC ATTEMPT "TO IMPOSE OUR STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND (TO) EXPECT, PATERNALISTICALLY, OTHER NATIONS TO LIVE UP TO THEM, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE DO NOT ALWAYS DO SO OURSELVES."

5. QUESTIONING WAS PERTINENT AND GENERALLY FRIENDLY, MUCH OF IT DIRECTED AT THE CIA STUDY AND THE EVENTS OF 1965-66. AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH AND PROFESSOR PAUKER ENDORSED AND ADDED TO ITS CONCLUSIONS. BOTH ALSO DEFENDED AND ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THE RATIONALE FOR INDONESIA'S HANDLING OF THE PRISONER ISSUE AGAINST EMERSON'S MILDLY EXPRESSED CRITICISM.

6. AMBASSADOR RUSMIN APPEARED BRIEFLY IN THE AUDIENCE, AND SEVERAL OTHER INDONESIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE PRESENT. THE INDONESIANS APPEARED RELAXED AND QUITE PLEASED WITH THE WAY THINGS WENT. KISSINGER

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